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To whom it may concern,

I am quite disturbed at the notion of this 'settlement'. No wonder Microsoft accept it with Gates smiling, he's got out of jail free, passed go, and collected \$200. When the bundling of Windows and Internet Explorer was deemed illegal, on appeal, even with all the issues over the objectivity and impartiality of the trial, how can the DOJ allow Microsoft to bundle more than ever into windows xp? How can the DOJ allow Microsoft to do to Real Networks and AOL what it did to topple Netscape and attempt to prevent users of other platforms from accessing the full net?

Accepting this settlement is quite out of the question for providing benefits to consumers, in the long-term the only way to ensure that consumers do not suffer damages is to ensure that there is a competitive market, and Microsoft is doing it utmost, and will apparently be allowed to, to change the currently competitive media and messaging markets into uncompetitive markets as has been done with browsers.

Faithfully,

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Concerned User

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